

Scranton 'might' back some permanent Israel settlements

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations William Scranton was quoted yesterday as saying that he might support "some permanent Israel settlements" in the administered territories. "Some along the line of the Allen Plan makes sense," he told the "Chicago Sun-Times" in an interview published yesterday.

Scranton also said that a "major powers guarantee" might prove useful for Israel in the context of an overall Arab-Israeli settlement.

The Scranton interview was conducted by "Sun-Times" Washington bureau chief Tom Ross, who met with Scranton last weekend.

Ross said that Scranton's remarks indicated a major softening of the envoy's stance. Ross also said that Scranton "seemed concerned" about the criticism levelled against him following his recent condemnation of Israel's settlement policies in the territories captured during the 1967 Six Day War.

The envoy went to great lengths

to reaffirm his support for economic, political and military support for Israel, Ross said.

American officials said that Scranton was merely expressing his private views, and not representing official U.S. policy, which, they said, was voiced only during his public appearances before the world body.

The "Chicago Sun-Times" yesterday also reported in a separate story of a confidential memorandum being circulated among Democratic presidential contenders Jimmy Carter's top staff aides, noting that former Israel Prime Minister Golda Meir "encouraged" UJA president Frank Lautenberg to meet with Carter.

The report said that following Mrs. Meir's recommendation Lautenberg met with Carter in New Jersey for 45 minutes. Late last month, Mrs. Meir met privately with Carter in New York.

The report merely said that Mrs. Meir merely encouraged Lautenberg to meet with Carter, but did not endorse the candidate.

Rabin: There will be no unemployment

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Prime Minister Rabin pledged yesterday that the government's economic measures, though tough, they must be, would not result in unemployment. Addressing the U.S. Israel Business Council which is holding its first meeting in Jerusalem, Rabin explained that unemployment would dangerously "weaken the fabric of our developing society."

Israel's new closeness to Europe following the tariff agreement with the EEC ought to be "of interest to political American investors," Rabin urged. The government's aim was to make Israel's industrial products "sought after abroad, just as our agricultural products are now sought after."

The Council's meeting, he said, opened the way to increased private enterprise investment here "which are very much welcome."

The Premier promised a "fair and profitable return" for American investors.

The leader of the Council's American contingent, former Governor George Romney, read out a cable of encouragement from U.S. Commerce Secretary Elliot Richardson.

Romney said his own religious belief led him to the firm conviction that both Israel and the U.S. were divine instruments in world history. "We are here because we want to help," he said of himself and his group, who include several top U.S. industrialists.

The Council's working sessions, which have been closed to the press, have included presentations from some of Israel's leading academic economists, ranking industrialists and top civil servants.

U.S. admits: More Syrian troops enter

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — The State Department yesterday confirmed officially that "several thousand" more Syrian troops have crossed into Lebanon during recent days.

At the same time, official American sources warned once again that the U.S. opposes any partition of Lebanon — even de facto partition. This warning was being conveyed privately to all the various parties involved, the sources said, and it should be taken primarily as a warning to Syria.

A Department spokesman declined to say exactly how many more Syrian soldiers had entered Lebanon, but indicated that the number was around 3,000. Earlier last week, the State Department said that between 5,000-6,000 Syrian regulars were already based in Lebanon, as well as many thousands of Syrian-backed Sa'eka and Palestine Liberation Army troops. Until yesterday (Tuesday) the Department had refused to confirm that additional Syrian forces were involved.

The Americans also said that Syrian soldiers were moving toward areas southwest of Beirut — along the mountains east of the city — and near Sidon. "The Syrian presence has grown," an American official said.

The Americans are concerned about the escalation in fighting and are not firmly convinced of Syria's purely "benevolent" intentions. Neither are Israeli officials here.

The State Department has contingency plans for the emergency evacuation of the 50 "official" Americans remaining in Lebanon and the approximately 1,000 other "unofficial" Americans.

Israel and American officials continued to remain in close contact over developments in Lebanon.

Walkout in Geneva

GENEVA. — The U.S. and Israel boycotted a speech to a World Employment Conference here yesterday by the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO), which was admitted as an observer despite their firm opposition.

The U.S. Government, employer and worker delegations and the Israel delegation walked out when PLO representative Abdul-Muhsin Abu Mizer rose to address delegates from the 132-member International Labour Organization.

Urgent meeting opens in Cairo on Lebanon

Draft appeal for cease-fire

Post Middle East Affairs Correspondent and agencies

The Arab League last night held an emergency meeting behind closed doors to discuss what was described as the deteriorating situation in Lebanon and the Syrian crackdown on the Palestine Liberation Organization there.

The meeting was held at the foreign ministers level though it was not known how many had participated. Nor was it clear whether Syria and Lebanon attended.

Arab League sources said that the meeting was working on a draft proposal centring on an appeal for a cease-fire, Syrian withdrawal from Lebanon and the formation of a Lebanon Arab delegation to mediate in Lebanon's 15-month civil war. Unconfirmed reports said that such a delegation headed by Libyan Premier Muammar Gaddafi was already on its way to Beirut.

Yesterday's Cairo gathering was opened by PLO chief Yasser Arafat who termed Syria's current military intervention in Lebanon as "the ugliest operation ever waged against the Palestinian resistance movement."

He charged the Syrians with carrying out "a massacre against both the Palestinians and Lebanese national forces." Arafat demanded that the Arab states take prompt action to stop Syria's military operations.

In Beirut, outgoing President Suleiman Franjeh last night issued a memorandum accusing the PLO of undermining the Lebanese state structure and of obstructing all attempts, including Syria's, to end Lebanon's 15-month civil war, as well as sabotaging recent attempts to set up a new government in Beirut.

Franjeh issued his statement as an alliance of the PLO and radical militias increased their offensive against pro-Syrian groupings in various sectors, including Beirut's Christian areas, which have not been included in the past week's battles.

The PLO-leftist alliance attacks centred mainly on the Damascus-sponsored Palestinian "Sa'eka" sabotage organization, to which they refer as the "Syrian forces."

One of the commanders of Fatah, the PLO's largest sabotage grouping, was reported to have been killed in yesterday's fighting in Beirut. The man was named as "Col." Jawad Abu Sha'ar, a high-ranking officer in the Fatah's "Assifa" military arm.

The PLO-leftist group said that they engaged Syrian troops and armour on several fronts, adding that they had blocked a number of columns advancing on Beirut and Sidon to the south.

It said that the Syrians were now within 18 kms. of Beirut. It also said the Syrians advanced from the east across the fashionable summer resorts of Sofar and Elhamdoun and were getting close to Alek, the central stronghold of leftist chief-

tain Kamal Junblatt — Syria's arch foe in Lebanon.

The PLO and the leftists had earlier said that the Syrians, backed by tanks and Mig warplanes, had knifed into the southern port city of Sidon but retreated later on losing several armoured vehicles.

There was no sign yesterday of a Libyan-inspired cease-fire to which Syrian President Hafez Assad was said to have agreed. A Libyan statement said that Assad has also agreed to drop his threat to disarm the anti-Syrian forces in Lebanon.

In Tel Aviv, the Army Spokesman yesterday described as "a complete fabrication" reports from Beirut that Israeli Air Force planes had bombed refugee camps and other targets in Lebanon.

Syria sends in more troops and tanks

By ANAN SAFADI
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Syria was last night throwing more troops into the Lebanese battlefields thus probably transforming its hitherto phantom invasion of Lebanon into an active military operation. More columns of troops and tanks were reported to have been dispatched to join a force of some 6,000 troops who had earlier extended their control in northern and eastern Lebanon after dislodging the allied forces of the Palestine Liberation Organization, the anti-Damascus leftists and renegade soldiers of the "Lebanese Arab Army."

The Syrians were reportedly pouring reinforcements towards the Lebanese capital, the focus of all fighting, along two routes: the first taking the central Damascus-Beidar highway and the second round the southern flank via the coastal city of Sidon, which is a major stronghold for the anti-Syrian forces in Lebanon.

The Syrian reinforcements were evidently moved into the battle zone along Mt. Lebanon to Sidon after Syria's expeditionary forces faced a mounting assault combining PLO and leftist elements. At least half a dozen Syrian tanks were known to have been ambushed near Sidon yesterday.

It might be significant to note that the Syrians were closing in on Sidon from the north and east while avoiding approaching Sidon from the south, apparently for two reasons: to stay out of Israel's "red line" or "tripwire," and to avoid the possibility of being sandwiched between the PLO and the Syrian forces.

by PLO-leftist forces now maintaining reserves in southern Lebanon.

With regard to Beirut, the Syrians were believed to be advancing there to provide assistance to the Sa'eka and other pro-Damascus groupings which have in the past two days faced one of the most vicious assaults by the PLO-leftist alliance.

Even yesterday, the Syrian troops continued to mark time rather than launch a massive offensive. While moving in strategic areas, the Syrians appeared to be succeeding in wearing out the dissident forces. The latter issued hysterical communications yesterday over Syria's "assaults" and spoke shrilly of their own "triumphs" in knocking out "invading" soldiers and commanders. They broadcast stories of massive desertions by Syrians and their satellite forces including the Palestine Liberation Army whose commander, Misbah Budeiri, an arch-enemy of PLO chief Yasser Arafat, was alleged to have "surrendered himself" to the anti-Syrian "nationalist forces."

Arab pressure for an immediate cease-fire may still prevent Syria from taking further military action in Lebanon. But Syrian President Assad is seen unlikely to accept any setback, especially at the hands of Arafat's PLO, which has switched its dependence now to Egypt, Syria's main antagonist in the Arab world. Syria's entanglement in Lebanon has placed Assad by now in such a position that he must produce a triumph, if not military then at least a political one.

Peres: 'Israel well-advised not to intervene in Lebanon'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

UPPER NAZARETH. — Defence Minister Shimon Peres said yesterday that Israel was well advised not to intervene in the events in Lebanon, which reflected all the problems, the conflicts and the intolerance in the Arab world.

"For the Syrians there is no difference between Israel and Lebanon. It is only with our military strength and by our policy in the administered areas that we prevented similar bloodshed between people of different religions and ethnic origins," he said.

He saw no solution yet to the conflict in Lebanon "but we can plainly see now the grave elements which have brought about this disaster on a scale which nobody could have foreseen for such a small and quiet country."

The Defence Minister said this during a question-and-answer session with pupils of the comprehensive high school here.

Asked about the reinforced Soviet naval presence in the Mediterranean, Peres said it was primarily a show of military strength while the U.S. is occupied with the presidential elections. The Soviets were probably trying to demonstrate that they were strong at sea and not only on land, he said.

To a question on the Arab mayors' memorandum defining Israel as a binational state, Peres replied that this implies an equal division between two national groups, and by that definition all the Arab states in our neighbourhood are binational: One-third of Iraq's population are Kurds, over 30 per cent of Syrians are Alawi, Druse and Christian, and in Egypt there are millions of Copts. Almost every state has some minority groups. The 20 Arab states in the Middle East are called Arab

because the majority is Arab. Israel belongs to the Jewish people and to all the people who live in it. The state respects the religious, cultural and other rights of the Arabs, but it should be remembered that Israel is a Jewish state."

On land expropriations Peres said that since 1948 two-thirds of the lands expropriated had been Jewish owned. Since 1948, while the average income of the Jewish population had gone up eight fold, Arab income had increased 11 times. So where was the injustice done to them? "Communist propaganda is causing harm both to the Arabs themselves and to peace," Peres said.

The Defence Minister was the luncheon guest of Knesset Member Seif ed-Din Zoubi and in the afternoon met Jewish and Arab residents at the Mithabim rest home.

UN Council meeting

UNITED NATIONS. — The Security Council will meet today to consider the report of a 20-nation committee which called for the establishment of an independent Palestinian entity in the territory occupied by Israel.

Four new settlements to be established

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Four new settlements, two in pre-1967 Israel and two across the "green line," are to be established in the near future following their final approval by the Ministerial Settlement Committee yesterday.

The four are: A kibbutz in the Lower Galilee, near Tur'an; a kibbutz in Gush Etzion, the cluster of religious settlements midway between Jerusalem and Hebron; a moshav and a moshav shifuti in the area of Modi'in (near Latrun); one on each side of the "green line."

The four settlements are among 29 spots proposed for settlement by a committee of kibbutz and moshav leaders headed by Labour's former Agriculture Minister Haim Gvati. The Gvati Committee's recommendations will form the basis for further discussions in the Ministerial Settlement Committee, a Committee source said.

Yesterday's meeting of the Committee was something of an anti-climax for those who had predicted that it would take up the Kaddum issue. A source close to the Committee chairman, Minister Yisrael Galili, said Kaddum had not been on the agenda and had not been

mentioned at all.

The source could report "no progress" so far on finding an alternative site for the camp at Kaddum, which the Cabinet on May 9 resolved to remove.

Premier Rabin pledged at that time that the Kaddum group, members of Gush Etzion, would be offered an alternative spot "within a few weeks."

The source close to Galili said yesterday no offer had so far been made, nor had there been any "unofficial feelers" put out to the Kaddum group.

The four settlements decided on yesterday were approved with little ado. Only Mapam's Shlomo Rosen voted against the moshav to be sited across the "green line" near Latrun. He explained that while Mapam favoured border rectifications in this area, it did not think planting civilian settlements there was necessary.

Rosen approved, however, the Gush Etzion kibbutz, which will be the fifth settlement in the Gush. He explained that his vote was in line with Mapam's long-standing support for Jewish resettlement of the area which was in Jewish hands before 1948.

First East Bloc group at Mapam convention

Jerusalem Post Reporter

An official Rumanian delegation arrived here yesterday to attend Mapam's convention which begins tonight.

Delegations from Eastern Bloc countries have attended Communist Party conventions in Israel but it is the first time one has come to a meeting of a Zionist party, a Mapam source said.

Naftali Feder, the party's political secretary invited the Rumanians when he visited their country recently.

The Rumanians were tight-lipped when they arrived. Vasili Sandru, responsible for External Affairs in the Communist Party, and Dimitru Hurtol, head of the Middle East Department, refused to answer reporters' questions. Delegations from

the French and Italian Socialist parties also arrived. Mapam expects representatives of the Danish Socialist Party too.

The convention, opening in the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv this evening, will centre on relations with the Arab countries and the future of the Alignment with the Labour Party.

Mapam leaders rejected proposals that the party state its stand on the possibility of a third (Palestinian) state between the Mediterranean and the desert. Some members had wanted to state explicitly that there is place for a third state, while others opposed it. The position that is expected to be adopted will leave the option open should a Palestinian group willing to negotiate with Israel demand it.

(See interview back page)

Final primary elections held in three states

LOS ANGELES. — Voters in California, Ohio and New Jersey cast ballots yesterday in the final primary elections before the Republican and Democratic parties choose their candidates for President of the U.S.

The turnout varied across the country.

Delegates chosen in the three states will amount to about one-third of those needed for a nomination at the party conventions this summer.

In the Republican race, California has a special importance, since the state's winner-take-all with 167 delegates at stake. The final primary election day could end with Jimmy Carter in a position assuring his nomination as the Democratic candidate.

Rumsfeld sees Jews about Pentagon budget

WASHINGTON. — Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld met yesterday with a delegation of American Jewish leaders to enlist their support for a large Pentagon budget. The meeting, which was considered a follow-up to a session Rumsfeld held with Jewish leaders recently, was not official, with the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish leaders, although several presidents went in their individual capacity.

Rumsfeld is said to have stressed the importance to Israel's long-term security of America's maintaining a strong defence posture, and the need for a large Pentagon budget. Some "liberal" Americans including many Jews, have complained about high Pentagon expenditures, while at the same time voicing strong support for Israel.

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The Devonshire, one of the Royal Navy's latest guided-missile light cruisers, photographed in Haifa Port yesterday when she arrived on a courtesy visit, the first paid by the Royal Navy in 10 years. (IPFA)

Avineri calls on top U.S. officials

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Shlomo Avineri, the Director-General of the Foreign Ministry, met yesterday with U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs William Schaufele, Assistant Secretary for Near East Affairs Alfred Atherton and other top State Department officials.

The meeting with Schaufele, Washington's top expert on Africa, was designed to exchange views on the possibility of Israel eventually resuming diplomatic relations with black African nations, which severed ties during the Yom Kippur War.

Avineri also meets today with several Senators and Congressmen and will brief leading American newspapermen and columnists.

Giscard waits for Assad

By JACK MAURICE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — The French Government is anxiously watching developments in Lebanon while awaiting the visit here next week of Syrian President Hafez al-Assad in the hope of avoiding involvement there as a result of President Giscard d'Estaing's ill-timed offer to send a military peace force.

President Assad will arrive on June 17 and spend three days here on an official visit which was postponed from last month because of the Lebanese crisis.

Although the French offer of peace-keeping units has not been withdrawn, the government is hoping for a speedy Syrian victory which will render the proposal null and void.

Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan

said after reviewing the Lebanese situation with President Giscard d'Estaing yesterday that he hoped Syria's invasion would speed up a settlement. He denied reports that Jordanian troops had entered Lebanon or were about to do so.

Prince Hassan praised France for what he described as its efforts to find a positive solution to the conflict in Lebanon and to restore peace and stability there.

He told "Le Monde" in an interview that Jordan and Syria were working together on building a railway between Akaba and Aleppo.

Hassan said it was up to the Palestinian population of the West Bank to choose their own future. He added: "We will help them do so. But evacuation of Israel troops from the occupied areas is essential."

MKs believe Lebanon not like Jordan in 1970

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Knesset Members yesterday expressed satisfaction over the clashes between Syrian troops and Palestinians in Lebanon but warned of future dangers to Israel. There was widespread support among coalition and opposition to the Government's policy over the Lebanese situation.

They said they did not believe the clashes would develop into a repetition of the September 1970 bloodbath of Palestinian terrorists in Jordan. There, King Hussein is not now threatening the rule of Syrian President Hafez Assad, one MK told The Jerusalem Post.

The struggle in Lebanon is over the degree of independence the PLO will enjoy. Syria is trying to control the movement and the latter is fighting for its independence, they said.

The Independent Liberal's Yehuda Sha'ari said in an interview, "I suppose Syria will reach an arrangement with the PLO and the Moslems and a compromise with the Christians."

It was pointed out that Israel would find itself under worse conditions, as Syrian involvement in

Lebanon would give Damascus control over another stretch of the northern border.

A leading hardliner in one of the coalition parties said punitive measures against a Syrian-protected PLO would be harder for Israel. This country had attacked terrorist

bases in Lebanon but not Syria, whose army is stronger, it was noted.

The Government had established a "red line" — the extent to which it will tolerate Syrian intervention in Lebanon. Government leaders did not say publicly what this



Sha'ari: Syria will reach an arrangement...



Ben-Meir: Nothing we can do now...

"line" was, but the Premier and the Defence Minister said last week it involved such questions as the size of the Syrian force, its geographical location and its aims.

Knesset Members interviewed yesterday generally supported the Government's policy.

"At the moment there is nothing else we can do," Yehuda Ben-Meir (NRP) told The Post. "Only when the situation there clarifies and... we know what the outcome is can we evaluate whether the Government's policy was right," he added.

But Sha'ari cautioned against turning this red line into a trip wire automatically triggering an Israeli reaction. In addition to developments in Lebanon, Israel should weigh reactions in the Arab world and elsewhere, he said.

If Israel intervened, the Arabs would stop fighting each other, turn against it, and Israel would be branded as an aggressor. Knesset Members said. American pressure should also be reckoned with in such a case, they added.

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Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Min-Max
Jerusalem 71	19-34	17-27
Golan 18	22-34	17-27
Nahariya 77	17-27	15-25
Safed 77	16-32	17-27
Haifa Port 78	19-29	20-33
Tiberias 27	19-27	19-23
Nazareth 40	19-25	19-31
Afula 35	18-35	17-30
Sharon 20	21-38	16-27
Tel Aviv 65	20-30	20-26
B.G. Airport 31	16-34	18-29
Jericho 19	20-41	20-35
Gaza 64	19-28	18-33
Beersheba 15	19-28	19-32
Beit 16	28-44	28-39
Tiran Straits 10	29-40	27-31

Social and Personal

President Ephraim Katzir yesterday received Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

The President also received a delegation from the World Federation of Sephardi Communities.

Portuguese Socialist Party leaders Jaime Gama and Bernardino Gomes yesterday called on Prime Minister Rabin and were the luncheon guests of Acting Knesset Speaker Moshe Shahal.

A farewell reception was given yesterday by Education Minister Yadin for Mahmud Abassi, the Arab writer and the minister's adviser on culture, sports and youth in the Arab sector, who has resigned his post to complete a book on Israeli Arabic literature.

Hagai Eshed, former diplomatic correspondent of "Davar," has been appointed political, press and public relations adviser to the chairman of the Executives of the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization.

Prof. Eytan Israeli will speak on "Adult Education" at the Haifa Rotary Club, Nof Hotel, at 1 p.m. today.

Mordechai Bereket, head of the Value Added Tax unit of the Ministry of Finance, will speak (in Hebrew) on VAT at the weekly meeting of Jerusalem Rotary Club at 1 p.m. at the YMCA today.

ARRIVALS

Emanuel Ax, the American pianist, for a week of recitals and concerts in Israel (by El Al).

DEPARTURES

Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, his wife and private secretary, for a week's visit to the North African Jewish community in France.

Knesset to consider

memorials to B-G

The Knesset will hold the first reading of a draft bill this morning on commemorating Israel's first premier, the late David Ben-Gurion. The bill will provide for a number of projects marking Ben-Gurion's memory and give them a statutory framework. Members of Ben-Gurion's family will be in the VIP gallery during the reading of the bill.

Beduin woman

buried alive

ASHKELON — Police yesterday recovered the body of a Beduin woman who had apparently been accidentally buried alive in a garbage pit on Sunday.

The woman, Nasriya Shaghlil, 50, had been scavenging in the area and descended into the pit. Meanwhile a tractor came and dumped a load of garbage into the pit, burying the woman alive. The driver, who was yesterday detained for questioning, told police he had not seen the woman in the pit. Police launched their search for the woman after she was reported missing by a boy from her tribe. (Itim)

LOTTO — The winning numbers in yesterday's Lotto draw were 01, 04, 26, 29, 35 and 38. The additional number was 09.

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Seminar on EEC-Israel relations told:

U.S. foreign exchange reserves to rise \$6,000m. in 1976

By DAVID KREVINE
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

Prospects for 1976 are that the foreign exchange reserves of the U.S. will increase by \$6,000m. and those of the hard-currency European powers (West Germany, Holland and other members of the monetary "snake") by \$1,000m. — while the reserves of the remainder (notably France, Britain and Italy) will tumble by \$7,500m.

This was stated yesterday by Dr. Manfred Lahnstein, deputy director general of the German Finance Ministry, who currently serves on the EEC Commission in Brussels. He was addressing a seminar at the Van Leer Foundation in Jerusalem on developments in the Common Market and EEC relations with Israel.

The divergence in economic performance between the more- and the less-successful partners in the European community lends force to the recommendation made in the report by Belgium's Prime Minister, Leo Tindemans, that a two-tier system be created. The German Ambassador, Dr. Per Fischer, who was chairman at yesterday's session, added his support to this proposal, stressing that "the progress of the European community should not be reduced to the speed of the slowest ship."

"On the other hand," he added, "if the fastest vessels are allowed to steam ahead, they will exercise a pull on those that lag, encouraging them to catch up."

Dr. Lahnstein pointed out that the economic recession, from which the Western powers are beginning to emerge, was due not only to the oil-price crisis. Another cause was inflation, which resulted from the rigid structure of exchange rates established at the Bretton Woods conference in 1944.

"Being free of any worry about the parity of the dollar, the U.S. had no compunction about financing the Vietnam war by printing money," he said. No new system has yet been devised to replace Bretton Woods.

Dr. Shlomo Armonson of the Hebrew University recalled that rela-

tions between the U.S. and Western Europe sagged badly in the early 1970s, consequent on the Nixon-Kissinger theory of détente. The assumption was that two "principal actors" strut upon the world stage, America and the Soviet Union. An understanding between the two would reduce the capacity of smaller powers to disturb the balance of international relations.

Today the U.S. has modified this stance. It consults closely with other powers before taking decisions of moment, e.g. on the Middle East problem, Armonson said.

During the afternoon session, Dr. Enso Nitzani of Israel Chemicals, head of a delegation of Israeli manufacturers recently in the Euro-mart, cited the words of a Danish representative on the commission,

who warned him that entry into the Common Market will not solve Israel's inflation problem. Europeans (and that means Germans, the only ones with money to spare) are not going to invest in this country as long as inflation prevails, the Danish official observed.

Dr. Moshe Mandelbaum, Director-General of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, drew attention to the fact that, as from 1985, the Israel Government will no longer be allowed to pay out export premiums on sales to Europe, whether as tax refunds or in any other way. "The French and the British have got round the ban by allocating cheap export credit" — a hint that this much-criticized practice in Israel will have to continue, in Mandelbaum's view.

'We Care' leader raps negotiations with EEC

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel's relations with the Common Market are not being taken seriously — Baruch Allon, leader of "Tchpat Lenu" (We Care), charged yesterday at a press conference.

He predicted that if things continue this way, 180,000 to 200,000 Israeli workers will lose their jobs because of Israel's inability to meet European standards.

Allon said there should be two separate committees working with the Common Market — one of ministers, Knesset Members, economic leaders and other policymakers; and the other of industry and business executives.

"With all due respect to Moshe Mandelbaum, Director-General of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, putting him at the head of our delegation to the Common Market negotiations misses a very important point. Good government demands that policymakers and those who carry it out; not be the

same people. One of our problems here is that the bureaucrats have taken over the country, and bureaucracy by its nature is not geared to creative thinking or change."

The leader of "Tchpat Lenu" also noted that Israeli industrialists pay from 20 to 40 per cent interest for credit, while their European counterparts pay 6 per cent.

"Investing in index-linked securities pays more than investing in industry. We talk about production for export, but our actions point in the opposite direction because importing, as Friedman is now doing, is more profitable," he said.

Industry, he added, must be made more attractive by a five-day work week, higher pay and higher status than service work. "But we're not naive. As much as we think the cumulative effect of our criticism helps push toward change, I suspect that in another five years there will be still more officials in the public service than in developing industry," he concluded.

BACKGROUND REPORT

GIDION ESHET

Higher costs across the board

THIS YEAR'S price increases will be 6-7 per cent higher than estimated when the national budget was prepared, requiring a cut of IL2,250m.-IL2,500m. to keep expenditures within the IL85,200m. approved by the Knesset.

However, to minimize the harmful effect on the economy, the Treasury proposed to slash only IL1,900m., officials in Jerusalem said yesterday. According to their estimates the government will have to meet the following increased costs:

- IL600m. for linkage on index-linked bonds. This cost cannot be absorbed and as long as linkage exists this is a debt which has to be paid. Therefore, other budget items have to be reduced to cover this cost.
- IL450m. for civil service wage increases. IL250m. of this sum is for government employees and the rest for employees in the municipalities and non-profit public bodies.
- IL100m. for a 14 per cent increase in the cost-of-living allowance to be paid in October.
- IL750-1,000m. in increased defence costs resulting from higher prices. The Treasury estimates these costs at IL750m. but the Defence Ministry puts them at IL1,000m.
- IL500m. in increased costs of other government ministries.

The Treasury rejected a flat cut in all ministries to cover these costs and established priorities instead. Defence expenditures, for example, will not be cut. The IL750m. will be held in reserves to cover the higher costs, while in other ministries the cuts will be used to finance new expenditures, such as the linkage on government bonds. Housing, for instance, has a lower priority in the Treasury's view and it therefore proposed a cut of IL400m. in addition to the 50 per cent cut

in activities provided for in the budget (15,000 new flats as compared to 30,000 last year).

The main problem turned out to be the proposed cut in social welfare payments. The Treasury originally favoured a plan by which the children's allowance for the first and second child would be altogether abolished for those families with only one or two children. The average income of these families, Treasury sources say, is over IL4,000 per year and they can therefore bear the loss.

Nevertheless, the Treasury proposed a more moderate measure which would abolish the cost-of-living linkage on the allowances for the first two children, and reduce the linkage for the third child and over to 70 per cent of the C-o-L Index. This is necessary, the sources say, because Israel has reached a stage in which it has to choose between welfare and development. Since the defence budget is fixed and since development has in any case been on the decline for the past two years, the time has now come for cuts in welfare.

But a lot can be done to soften the blow, the sources say. One way is to improve management efficiency in the "social" ministries, particularly the Education Ministry. Another is to see to it that hospitals and schools collect all the fees due them for their services. But these are long-range goals

which even if achieved will not affect this year's budget. This is why the Treasury is proposing to cut universal services rather than specific ones provided directly to the poor. Children's allowances are a case in point because they are paid to the rich as well as to the poor.

Shemtov, Yadin hit budget cuts

Health Minister Victor Shemtov yesterday said that the Treasury's proposal to slash another IL500m. from his ministry's development budget would mean a halt in the construction of three out of the six hospitals currently being built in the country. He was speaking to the Knesset Public Services Committee, presenting his objections to the way the Treasury proposes to cut IL1,900m. from the current national budget.

Education Minister Aharon Yadin yesterday also lashed out at the proposed cuts in his budget, telling a meeting of ministry executives in Jerusalem that educational services in this country have already been reduced to a level "below the danger line." He said he favoured a reduction in the private standard of living, but not in essential social services.

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Egged blamed for delay in government aid

By ANTHONY KEMELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Reacting to Egged's claims that the Government's withholding of funds from the bus cooperative may lead to a serious reduction or even a shutdown of services, Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi said Egged had only itself to blame.

Speaking on Israel Radio yesterday evening, Ya'acobi said that the Government and the Knesset Finance Committee had authorized a IL200m. loan from Bank Hapoalim for Egged to put itself on a sound financial footing. The loan was conditional upon Egged deducting IL300 from members' monthly salaries, at least until August, when the Golomb Committee finishes its deliberations. Last week, however, the cooperative rescinded these deductions following the Government order to carry soldiers for free, Ya'acobi said.

Egged subsequently appealed the Transport Ministry decision before a special appeals committee on matters of commodities and services set up by the Justice Minister. A ruling is expected on Friday.

An Egged spokesman told The Jerusalem Post that the cooperative had deducted IL900 from members' salaries in April, May and June.

In exchange for the deductions Egged was to receive IL4m. per month and a IL200m. loan from Bank Hapoalim, he said. The spokesman added that the decision to stop deducting the IL300 followed the Government's failure to fulfil its obligation, rather than the Transport Ministry's order to carry soldiers for free, as the Transport Minister suggested.

The spokesman pointed out that the cooperative had been forced to take a IL40m. overdraft from Bank Hapoalim at 43 per cent interest to meet expenses. The IL200m. loan is to be at 15 per cent interest.

Lahat bombing suspects held

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Four suspects — two of whom may be responsible for the mistaken attempt to bomb Mayor Shlomo Lahat's house — were arrested by the police on Monday.

The four are believed to have been involved in demonstrations on May 18 at Sheikh Moussa, where residents protesting Tel Aviv University expansion in the quarter and dissatisfied with the city's demolition programme set fire to scores of trees.

A day later an explosion rocked suburban Zehala and damaged the home of banker Shlomo Lahat. It is believed that the bomber's intention was to hit Mayor Lahat's house in retaliation for his hard-line policy of enforcing housing codes and demolishing illegal buildings.

According to the police, the evidence against two of the suspects is not very solid and they will probably be released.

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Jerusalemites mourn olive trees in Omariya building protest

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

About 250 Jerusalemites staged demonstration on the Omariya plot yesterday in a last-ditch effort to prevent the building of the planned seven-story El Al Hotel on the site — one of the last important open spaces in the city centre.

Members of the Council for a Beautiful Israel, which organized the protest, swathed some of the ancient olive trees with black gauze — a symbol of "mourning" for the trees which are due to be uprooted when the hotel is constructed. Posters, declaring that "the landscape of Israel is not for sale," were handed out for mailing to Interior Minister Yosef Burg. The minister approved the hotel before leaving last month for the Habitat conference in Vancouver.

"Burg goes off to an environmental conference while agreeing to turn this beautiful spot into a hotel lobby," said an irate protester, standing among the thorny carpet of bushes and stones of the Omariya plot.

The original plans for developing Omariya, opposite Yemin Moshe and overlooking the Old City, hail back

to 1965, when the Lands Administration (which owns the land) proposed construction of 120,000 square metres. It was to include two hotels and eight 16-storey apartment towers.

A series of skirmishes between environmental activists and the Lands Administration, as well as the municipality, resulted in the paring down of the project — although the existing Omariya tower, built illegally, stands out over the plot.

The municipality proposed two years ago a seven-story hotel and 13,000 square metres of small apartment buildings clustered around the Omariya Tower to give a terraced effect and offset the jutting building, thus "correcting the mistake."

"The Council for a Beautiful Israel opposes the municipality plan as well," said Uzi Atzmon, chairman of the Jerusalem branch of the council, at the demonstration. "The original plan for the area designated Omariya for public spaces. No amount of building would correct the mistake of the tower; it should be cleared of thorns and turned into a recreational area for pupils at the Beit Hayeled School

next door and for the neighbourhood in general."

Likud MK Yosef Tamir, head of the Knesset Interior and Ecology Committee, told the protesters: "We can move a hotel elsewhere, but we can't move Omariya."

Others on the site claimed that the Lands Administration has pushed for a maximum of building because the Government gains financially from profitable enterprises built on the land.

Meanwhile, a disagreement between the Jerusalem Municipality and the Lands Administration over the building of the Liberty Bell Garden on the edge of the Omariya plot was resolved yesterday when Aluf (Res.) Meir Zorea, head of the Administration, abandoned his opposition to the construction of the garden. Zorea had said that the work on the U.S. Bicentennial garden, funded by contributions through the Jerusalem Foundation, could not go on until the whole Omariya project was approved. The land for the garden, he pointed out, had not been formally handed over to the Jerusalem Foundation by the Lands Administration.

British cruiser here 'no link with Lebanon'

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Royal Navy's guided missile cruiser, HMS Devonshire, arrived here for a three-day goodwill visit yesterday morning after visits to Odessa and Constanza. This marks the first visit here by the Royal Navy in 10 years, but it was stressed that it had been arranged six weeks in advance and "has no connection with the situation in Lebanon."

The Devonshire's visit follows five weeks the first call by a U.S. naval vessel in 13 years.

At a press conference on board, Vice-Admiral Anthony S. Morton, 53, flag officer of the First Flotilla, a which the Devonshire is one of 35 ships, said they were delighted to visit Israel. Their purpose was part of the British government's "wishes to strengthen its relations with every nation and its relations with Israel." It was an extension of the mutual visits of British and Israeli political figures, he said. He also believed a naval visit to be especially suitable for establishing friendly relations between peoples.

Asked whether, in view of the troubles just north of Haifa, they had time for friendly visits, the admiral said he was not aware of

the current situation, having been at sea.

He refused to comment on the presence of 70 Soviet warships in the Mediterranean, but conceded "we show very great interest in each other" when ships happen to pass each other. He said that of the 35 ships in his flotilla, only the Devonshire was now in the Mediterranean.

Asked for his professional opinion on the Israeli-made missile boats, he said, "their record is significant."

Vice-Admiral Morton and the destroyer's commander, Captain Anthony Skinner, called on Mayor Yehoshua Zislin at City Hall. The mayor later returned the visit aboard ship.

The Israel Navy has arranged a programme of visits, parties, tours and sports activities, including a cricket match, for the 450 ratings and 36 officers of the ship.

Admiral Morton said he hoped very much to see Masada.

The decade-long avoidance of calls at Haifa by NATO navies now seems to have ended. Another American warship, a destroyer, is due for a friendly visit in a fortnight.

Bananas ripen on ship struck by officers

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Some \$90,000 worth of bananas aboard the Maritime Fruit Carriers' Lemon Core remained in the holds yesterday as the ship's officers prevented the unloading of the cargo in Yokohama because they haven't been paid.

Marine Officers' Union secretary Adam Chislik said that the company owes the men two months' wages, totalling over \$90,000. The ship brought the bananas to Japan from the Philippines on Monday, but the officers are refusing to open the holds.

The manager of the MFC's Haifa office, Alex Shur, told The Jerusalem Post that the wages would be paid, in full, through a British bank "by today," and he hoped that the bananas would then be unloaded.

Support for the strike by the officers came from the Japanese Seamen's Union yesterday. The support was made through the International Federation of Transport Workers (ITF), to which both unions belong.

Meanwhile, the union made an unsuccessful bid for the establishment of a consortium by the Government with the Histadrut and Zim to buy the MFC's eight Israel flag ships, to prevent them from being sold to foreign firms. The union believes that, in the absence of an Israeli buyer, the ships are likely to be sold abroad, leaving dozens of officers and men unemployed. One of them, the Mandarin Core, will go on auction in Honolulu tomorrow by court order. Two other ships, the Avocado Core and Mango Core, have already been attached by creditors in Bremerhaven and London.

TODAY'S POSTBAG

THE GOVERNMENT has set up an interdepartmental committee headed by the Attorney-General to fight the drug problem in Israel. The subcommittee for research into the problem of drug abuse will be responsible to the National Council for Research and Development.

THIRTEEN JEWISH professors from the U.S. are here on a 10-day visit on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal. The UJA is active in 80 universities across the U.S., collecting money and explaining Israel's cause.

Container terminal still idle

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The IL40m. back-up container terminal in the Kishon auxiliary harbour, meant to speed up container handling, is still closed, two and a half months after its completion. The opening of the terminal which everybody agrees is urgently needed, has been postponed because two committees of the port foremen and storekeepers, whose men are to operate it, have not yet reached agreement — either among themselves or with the management.

The matter was entrusted by management to the Haifa Labour Council for a solution, last month, but the council itself has not yet been able to reach agreement to put the terminal into operation. Meanwhile containers are piling up three high in the port, making it difficult for importers and exporters to move their goods.

Council secretary Eliezer Moik yesterday told The Post that he hoped to reach an agreement with the two committees by next week.

JEWISH AGENCY personnel will forgo the usual curtailed summer work schedule this year in recognition of the country's difficult economic situation, according to an announcement by the organization's works secretariat.

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IL400m. deficit seen for the cities this year

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Despite optimistic forecasts by the Minister of Interior, the budgets of the country's local authorities will not be balanced this fiscal year. This was stated here yesterday by the chairman of the Union of Local Authorities, Holon Mayor Pinhas Eylon.

The local authorities already foresee a cumulative deficit exceeding IL400m. for the 1976/77 fiscal year, Eylon told the press. The total budget of all the local authorities is estimated at IL6,750m.

The 2.5 per cent wage hikes for civil servants are expected to get the municipalities further into the red by at least another IL60m., and the Value Added Tax will probably add another IL330m. to expenditures, for which no provision was made when the budgets were drawn up.

"The cities are responsible for

implementing the Government's welfare programmes," Eylon said. "No government minister is willing to take responsibility for cutbacks in these services, and we certainly do not wish to bear the brunt of public ire. So on the one hand it is hard to curtail these services, and on the other hand the Finance Minister wants us to absorb the deficits and price hikes, which we also cannot do."

One solution, Eylon suggested, could be a general 5 per cent staff cutback of civil servants — both in the central government and in the local authorities. This would mean at least 6,000 employees less in the public sector, resulting in a saving of some IL50,000 annually for each employee. Not all the employees in question would have to be fired, as some posts could be eliminated by sending employees on early pensions and not filling the vacated posts.

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Political murder in Genoa

GENOA. — Gunmen assassinated Genoa's Chief Public Prosecutor and his bodyguard and driver yesterday. Government officials called it a "well prepared, cold, political murder."

Francesco Cossu, 67, known for his conservative policies, and the other two men were gunned down in front of the prosecutor's home. The killings shook Italy just 12 days before national elections in which the Christian Democrats are battling against a strong Communist challenge.

In Rome, the Chamber of Deputies yesterday stripped a neo-fascist member of his parliamentary immunity against arrest and prosecution in the shooting death of a young Communist at an election rally.

Acting amid an outcry over mounting violence in the campaign, the Chamber cleared the way for prosecution of Italian Social Movement (MSI) Deputy Sandro Saccucci, wanted on suspicion of murder and attempted murder. (AP, UPI)

Saudia offers £25m. to form soccer league

Jerusalem Post Correspondent LONDON. — There was speculation here last night that Saudi Arabia is going to buy British soccer old-timers and dropouts to reinforce their poor teams in the wake of the news that BBC "Match of the Day" football presenter Jimmy Hill has signed a contract with Saudi Arabia to set up an entire football structure in the country.

The Saudis have allocated for the project a budget of £25m., and Hill — who is to commute between London and Riyadh — is now looking for 15 British coaches, referees and administrators. The Saudis will provide the spectators — and the money.

The Saudi national team manager will reportedly be offered £45,000 a year tax-free.

Hill told interviewers he is looking for someone, "who is not only interested in the money." He did not reply to a question whether the candidate could be Jewish. The local papers are making great play with the news, describing Hill as a new Lawrence of Arabia, a soccer sheikh well on the way to Islamisation. They report that the decision to import football was taken by the Saudi King when the national team came second to bottom in Arab League matches last year, beaten even by tiny Kuwait, which did not realize until that time it had a football team.

Desert clash

NOUAKCHOTT, Mauritania. — Members of the Polisario Front fired machinegun bullets and mortar shells into buildings here yesterday, with some shells falling near the presidential palace.

The Polisario Front is an Algerian-backed guerrilla group based in the former Spanish Sahara that opposes the settlement earlier this year in which Spain ceded that colony to Morocco and Mauritania.



A demonstrator from Britain's pro-Fascist National Front is seized by Birmingham police Monday for trying to prevent officers from returning race rebel Robert Rolf to prison. Rolf was jailed a month ago for an indefinite term for refusing to take down a sign advertising his home for sale "to an English family." (AP radiophoto)

Racial harmony campaign in Britain

LONDON. — Britain's ruling Labour Party is planning a nationwide campaign to promote racial harmony after a fatal stabbing of a Sikh student sparked weekend demonstrations by Asian youths and raised fears of racial violence.

A party spokesman said on Monday night the campaign will include meetings between Labour Party workers and community leaders in areas with a large immigrant population.

In connection with the stabbing, police yesterday brought to court five youths, and said they were seeking another eight to 12 people involved in the demonstration.

On Monday night hundreds of Asian youths walked through the streets of Southall, on the western fringe of London, in a "march of commemoration" for the slain student. (Reuters)

Bank Leumi hit in Chicago blasts

CHICAGO. — An office of Israel's Bank Leumi near the City Hall was one of four targets of terrorist bombs which exploded in trash cans late Monday night in downtown Chicago. At least four persons were injured, none seriously.

Police said they believed "some kind of terrorist gang" was responsible for the bombings, but no one claimed responsibility. The blasts came within minutes of each other.

Other targets were the Central Police Station, the John Hancock Center and the First National Bank of Chicago. The bomb that exploded in the trash can outside the First National Bank sent shrapnel-like particles into a crowd of persons leaving a theatre, resulting in the injuries. (UPI, AP)

Eichman case doctor murdered

BUENOS AIRES. — The bullet-riddled body of a kidnapped doctor, who reportedly figured in the capture of Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichman, was found on Monday in the outskirts of Buenos Aires, police sources said.

Dr. Salvador Ackerman, director of the Don Torcuato Hospital, 81 km. northwest of the capital, was seized by eight heavily armed men who dragged him out of the hospital three days ago.

The sources said they could not explain the possible motives behind Ackerman's murder. He was not known to be involved in any political activity. His kidnap and murder had all the characteristics of an execution carried out by right-wing death squads.

Reports linking Ackerman to the Israel agents' capture of Eichman were based on the book "The House on Garibaldi Street," by former Israeli secret service chief Issa Harel. The book mentions an Ackerman in connection with the discovery and capture of Eichman, who was tried and executed in Israel in 1962. There was no confirmation whether the Dr. Ackerman found dead on Monday and the Ackerman mentioned in the book were the same person. (UPI)

Last ditch right-wing struggle in Cortes

MADRID. — Extreme right-wingers fought a last ditch struggle in the Cortes (parliament) yesterday to prevent the re-emergence of political parties in Spain after a 37-year ban.

Four deputies demanded rejection of a government bill to legalise parties, except the Communists, Anarchists and Separatists, for the first time since the 1936-39 Civil War.

But it appeared a rear-guard action. Parliamentary sources said they expected only about 50 of the 565-member Cortes to vote against the bill that would allow opposition parties, including the Socialists, to contest general elections early next year.

Communists, anarchists and separatists, however, will be illegal under a clause in the proposed law which outlaws what it terms subversive political groups. The bill, according to Pío Cabanillas, former Information Minister, would "produce a Spain more free, more just and more democratic."

Opposition to the bill comes from right-wingers dedicated to the one-party Francoist state, who say it is unconstitutional. Senor Ramon Fernandez Cuesta, a veteran right-wing politician, said the measure sought to change fundamental laws which could be altered only by a referendum.

Amid cheers, Senor Fernandez

Cuesta, 79-year-old former cabinet minister and secretary-general of the state party, the National Movement, said General Franco had devoted his life to building the present system which barred party politics.

The parliament convened amid new reports of political violence following six bomb attacks on Monday in the Basque region in the north of Spain. The bombings were blamed on right-wing extremists. There were no injuries. A few blocks from the parliament building police routed 3,000 nurses' aides who were demanding better pay and working conditions. (Reuters)

Kissinger says U.S. will defend Latin America

SANTIAGO. — Secretary of State Henry Kissinger told Latin American countries that the U.S. would defend them if Cuba intervened in the area.

Speaking to the general assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS) here on Monday, Kissinger said that the U.S. would never allow Cuba to act as it did

in Angola. Kissinger, on a four-nation Latin American tour, said the U.S. was still the leading world power and strong enough to defend itself and its friends.

A labor private session of the assembly was expected to be dominated by the issue of human rights in Chile, which is believed to have

about 4,000 political prisoners in detention.

Gen. Augusto Pinochet, President of Chile's military government, announced the liberation of 60 more political prisoners just hours before the arrival of Kissinger.

During May, the junta released 305 prisoners in three separate batches. (Reuters, AP)

Habitat — Was it worth \$15m. just to define the problems?

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

AS THE U.N. Habitat Conference went into its second, and final, week, the same question was being asked wherever participants in this amorphous international happening gathered — "What does it mean?"

In a penthouse cocktail party offering barbecued salmon and a spectacular view of bays and mountains, an assistant to the American Secretary of Housing said he thought a vast percolating process was being started in which ideas raised at the conference would eventually affect the way people lived in many countries. In an apartment house nearby, a local college professor told a visitor that the conference was "one big boondoggle."

The basic object of Habitat is to propose guidelines for a livable environment in a rapidly developing world where half the cities required in 30 years have yet to be built.

Beneath a suffocating cloud of platitudes and bureaucrats, two principle ideas have emerged thus far:

1. The creation of a national planning policy in each country to keep the rural population down on the farm instead of having it pour into urban slums. Although this may seem an obvious requirement, many of the countries which need it most do not have a comprehensive planning policy aimed at balanced development. (Israel, which has a highly developed national planning system, has proposed a number of amendments which have been incorporated into the draft resolution.)

2. The elimination of land speculation as a factor in the world housing problem by having governments "recapture" — as advocates put it — the profits presently earned by landowners whose property increases in value not by

their own efforts but by the development of the community around it. Free enterprise nations such as Canada and the U.S. have balked at this proposal and it is certain to be watered down.

The official Habitat discussions are being conducted in plush halls in central Vancouver. The most interesting part of Habitat, however, is its unofficial part. Major UN conferences have in recent years been accompanied by "counter-conferences" in which non-governmental organizations and individuals discuss the issues and then attempt to influence the final resolutions of the official conference. At Habitat, this counter-conference is known as the Forum and is being held at a former military seaplane base known as Jericho Beach, 7 kms. from Vancouver.

The Forum appears to have attracted champions of every cause. The well-organized Greenpeace

Movement, dedicated to saving the world's whale population, has anchored an old minesweeper off the Forum site which will foray into the North Pacific later in the week to harass whaling fleets. The L-5 Society, out of Tucson, Arizona, has been explaining in rational terms the need for 10,000-man colonies in outer space by 1990.

Anthropologist Margaret Mead, a cult figure in the environmentalist community, mounted the Forum stage with her forked walking stick and called for a moratorium on nuclear development. This has become a major issue here.

Basically Habitat seems an exercise in consciousness-raising — defining problems and starting the politicians and technocrats thinking about practical solutions. Whether it is an exercise worth the \$15m. cost of organizing the conference might be better answered a decade hence.

the amendment attacks "all forms of racism and discrimination condemned by U.N. General Assembly resolutions." States which had objected to the UN resolution equating racism with Zionism, objected to the Israeli amendment and it was dropped. But observers said it was certain to surface again before the final draft of the declaration.

Meanwhile, Israel's chief delegate to Habitat, Interior Minister Yosef Burg, dismissed as "utter nonsense and an outright lie" a Palestinian Liberation Organization charge that Israel was part of an international conspiracy which had led to Syria's intervention in Lebanon. (Reuters, AP)

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A glance at the world

Chief kidnapped

SALISBURY. — Guerrillas have kidnapped one of Rhodesia's leading tribal chiefs, the government announced yesterday.

An internal affairs ministry statement said Chief Mabika, one of the 10 chiefs in the National senate "has been abducted by terrorists." No details were given but it was believed that the chief was kidnapped in his home district of Bikila in the southeast of Rhodesia.

Chief Mabika, an elderly man, has implacably opposed guerrillas seeking to bring down Ian Smith's white minority regime and install majority black rule. Four of his colleagues, also senator chiefs, were recently made ministers in Smith's Government. (Reuters)

Brezhnev greets Indira

MOSCOW. — Jovial despite pouring rain, Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev headed a top-level welcome yesterday for Indira Gandhi, the Indian prime minister, who arrived on a five-day official visit.

No agenda was issued for Mrs. Gandhi's discussions with Brezhnev and other leaders but Indian sources said she was expected to explain her economic policies and India's improved relations with China. (UPI)

Belfast store bombed

BELFAST. — Bombers hit a downtown Belfast plumbing store with two bombs yesterday and a suspected Irish Republican Army gang shot and wounded three persons in separate incidents near the border with the Irish Republic.

In the bombing of Stephenson and Turner's plumbing supply store three masked gunmen held up the staff shortly after opening and planted two bombs in the main building.

In the shootings, four gunmen burst into the office of a coal merchant at Newry Docks, south of Belfast, and opened fire on a part-time militiaman and two civilians.

German tank spy

BONN. — West German police have arrested a 35-year-old man suspected of giving East Germany top secret electronics information about a tank that may become the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's main armoured vehicle.

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DAN CAESAREA GOLF HOTEL

AT CAP FERRAT, 30 years ago, Somerset Maugham was a neighbour of mine.

He lived in the Villa Mauresque, surrounded by male secretaries and impressionists, while I favoured the uncluttered look pioneered by Syrie Maugham and was satisfied with a balloon-cloth sleeping-bag on the beach.

One evening while I was dining at a tiny restaurant near the old fishing port, a British tourist entered. When a waiter approached him for his order, he began untying and unwrapping a large brown-paper parcel from which he eventually produced a French-English & English-French dictionary and proceeded to order a meal.

Constant Reader: What's all this got to do with Somerset Maugham? A.S. Nothing whatsoever, and I'll thank you to hold your tongue.

Well, there was I. Oh, yes, the tourist turned out to be Harold Behrens, the British comedian, and it wasn't long before I realised that some funny-men simply are funny. They're born that way and it's nothing to do with being fed gags by a script-writer.

Some people simply can't help being mirth-provoking. Look at our TV staffers. The newscaster says "Beirut." A picture of the war-stricken city flashes on the screen. "President Assad." We are treated to a still of the Arab leader. And so on. All this is going on merrily, night after night, more than 10 years after David Frost parodied the nasty practice on British TV in "That Was the Week That Was."

As Frost read "Lord Privy Seal" in a newscaster voice, pictures of a lord, a privy and a seal were flashed on the screen behind him.

A GOOD COMIC doesn't even need gags. He somehow finds a rhythm in his patter which carries the audience along with it until they are literally committed to a laugh. Milton Berle was a master of this technique and, to prove it, he once switched the punch-line of a joke to gibberish and still got the laugh.

Listen to the internal rhythms of this extract from one of Max Miller's old routines. He'd misbehaved and confessed to his brother, who told him to tell his father. "So I went into the drawing-room to see me dad, he was in a deck-chair. I said, 'Dad, I've got a confession to make.' He said, 'What is it, son?' And I said, 'Dad, I've made love to a married woman.' He said, 'Tell me who it was.' I wouldn't tell him. He said, 'Was it Mrs. Graham at No.19?' I said, 'No, no.' He said, 'Was it Mrs. Mitchell at No.23?' I said, 'No, no.' He said, 'Was it Mrs. Smith at No.47?' I said, 'No.' He said, 'Get out of the room! I'm disgusted with you.' So I walked out of the room and my brother said, 'How did you get on? Did he forgive you?' I said, 'No, but he gave me three very good addresses!'

The beat built up a succession of screams and the carefully-timed delivery of the last line in a Miller joke, however weak it appears to be on paper, released a gale of helpless laughter.

THE STYLE has changed and the liners are the fashion but dynamics

With prejudice/Alex Berlyne

BORN FUNNY



Max Miller "the Cheeky Chappie."

of the delivery still count, as Woody Allen found out to his cost when he first graduated from gag-writing to performing.

In Phil Berger's "The Last Laugh" (Ballantine), the world of the stand-up comic is covered in detail — from trying out gags on each other in Hanson's Delicatessen to the small-time clubs where they can test out their routines on live audiences and, finally, the Big Time — playing in the unbelievable gaudy squalor of Las Vegas.

Some of them were never off-duty. Pat McCormick, a gagwriter pal of comedian Jonathan Winters, could never resist a comic prank. During an earthquake in Los Angeles while the city shuddered around him, McCormick phoned a comic to say,

"The God is Dead rally has been cancelled," and hung up.

The old-time radio comedian, Parkyakarkus (Harry Einstein) had the effrontery to name his son Albert and Albert Einstein eventually became a comedian himself, though he appeared (more discreetly) as Albert Brooks.

Robert Klein, one of the younger generation of funny-men, is given a great deal of space, befitting one who while still at Yale Drama School did an improvisation from the point of view of the baby at a Brith Mila. "Look at ten," Klein spluttered. "I'm bleeding to death and they're all having sponge cake."

According to Phil Berger, Klein tends to attract groupies like a rock-

and-roll-star. One night two girls sent a note to his dressing-room: "We teach Yiddish and pose for porno."

ETHNIC COMICS have made a comeback. Frank Darling (D'Amore) was successful playing the *paisano* to Italian audiences who appreciated his story of how his father was caught in the crash of 1929: "Truck hit his pushcart."

The real breakthrough in ethnic jokes was made by black comedians like Dick Gregory, using lines that a white audience had never heard a black man use before. "I sat at a lunch counter for nine months," Gregory told them. "They finally integrated and didn't have what I wanted." Castigating the religious establishment, he once commented, "If Jesus Christ had been electrocuted, you'd all be walking around with electric chairs round your necks."

MORT SAHL was the first comic to speak his mind about the issues of the day, long before the apothecaries of Lennie Bruce. Using wit as a weapon against the bogymen of the fifties, Sahl compared the Eisenhower jacket, which had "multidirectional zippers," with the McCarthy jacket. "The McCarthy jacket is just like the Eisenhower jacket except it has an extra zipper across the mouth."

When the Senator turned his emerald gaze on him, Sahl issued a typical disclaimer: "I didn't mean to be a subversive, but I was new in this community and I wanted to meet the girls."

The Left, however, was by no means sacred. Reading from his newspaper, Sahl would give his opinion on Soviet affairs: "Stalin carried it a bit too far, killing doctors. No wonder they don't make house-calls."

This is a far cry from a man in a funny suit telling jokes about his mother-in-law. Sahl's comedy depended on a razor-sharp wit which echoed a liberal education, short-comings and all. Sahl's lines like "Senator McCarthy does not question what you say so much as your right to say it." His one-liners were stitched together with studied bits of "business" designed to give the impression of, if not an absent-minded intellectual: "So... well... where were we..." (Now you'll understand my second paragraph.) Behind the rambling incoherence was a keen mind which delighted in playing on Soviet affairs: "Stalin carried it a bit too far, killing doctors. No wonder they don't make house-calls."

Jonathan Miller once took the risk of sounding like one of Sahl's subjects, pretensions ripe for pricking, when he said the comedian's act was about "the dilemma of metropolitan man drowning in the surroundings he himself fashioned."

The comedian has himself gone on record as saying that he found "people looked better when they laughed," implying that his motivation is nothing like what Miller imagines it to be, but is firmly founded in the great tradition rhymed by Rabelais: "One inch of joy surmounts of grief a span; Because to laugh is proper to the man." (This is the first of two articles)

DANCE / JOAN CASS

Appealing performance

THE SKILFUL DANCERS of the Israel Classical Ballet gave an appealing, spirited performance at the Jerusalem Theatre last week (May 27). Because there are many new people in the group they are not always unified in timing and manner, but that will come with continued performing. Technically there is a good command of leg work, including difficult jumps, beats and leaps. What may be a problem is the attaining of a more subtle, expressive use of arms and head.

In repertory, the programme stayed in the plotless realm, though still presenting a pleasing variety of styles. Only the new work "Romances," choreographed by Dany Reiter-Soffer to music of Beethoven, did not succeed in conveying a clear mood. The central *pas de deux* (Nira Paz and Richard Sugarman) came off as heavy and draggy and lifts, and the opening and closing ensembles were unimaginative and somewhat forced. Nowhere did I feel the stated intention: "the dynamics of youthful lyricism and love come to life."

Otherwise, Berta Yampolsky's "Symphonic Variations" (music by Cesar Franck) was pleasant and bright, featuring Pamela Osserman and Richard Sugarman in lively, open patterns, and a lovely entrance by Yampolsky whose fluid, quiet control of point steps was outstanding. The company pranced with delightful, zany, fast paces through "Electro-Bach" (choreography by Felix Blaska). Led by Kenneth Gustafson, they concluded the evening with all-out fervor in Gene Hill



The Israel Classical Ballet in a moment from "Electro-Bach"

Sagan's "Sweet Agony" (music by Jimi Hendrix and Richie Havens). Because the dancers wore dark maroon and black costumes, and because the lighting shadowed a dim back-drop and cast a dull red glow on the stage, it was hard to see anything except flailing arms and strained

faces. I found it hard on the eyes and unfair to the dancers to have their hard-working bodies concealed this way, but the audience seems to have especially enjoyed this discotheque-like cavernous gloom, since they gave the finale a very warm reception.

Carmelites feel at home in Israel

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — "Our relations with Israel are very good. There have been no serious difficulties at any time," Father Finian Monahan, the Superior General of the Order of Discalced (Barefoot) Carmelites, said at the Order's Stella Maris monastery here at the weekend.

Father Finian, an Irishman whose seat is in the Vatican, presided over the extraordinary general assembly of the Superiors of the Order's "provinces," which ended on Saturday. The week-long meeting at the monastery was attended by the Order's 38 Superiors, including those from Lebanon, Poland, Yugoslavia and India.

"I have visited Israel frequently and have always been well received," Father Finian said. "For us, Mt. Carmel is the cradle of our Order, and it was the natural place for this meeting. We have been reviewing our life and activities, to give an external expression to our desire to live in fidelity to our Mt.

Carmel beginnings." At the meeting the Order's Superiors had discussed the process of renewal and updating to better "serve our involvement in the Church and the world around us," he said.

Father Finian, a soft-spoken, grey-haired man with spectacles, was wearing the brown habit of the Order. He noted that when it was first founded in 1166, its members had been hermits, devoting themselves to a life of prayer. Today the Discalced Carmelites have "provinces" on every continent and a membership of almost 4,000 monks and 13,000 nuns. "We try to live in the spirit of the Gospel and the original primitive rules of Carmel, engaging in prayer, apostolic work and missionary involvement."

Asked whether their missionary aims included the Jews of Israel, Father Finian said, "We do no missionary work in Israel. With the Jews we have dialogue, not missionary activities." He said that at their assembly, they worked on amending the Order's constitution to update it, but

the emphasis was on the spiritual side, as they no longer considered such questions as style of dress important. The monks are no longer shoeless; they wear sandals, have their hair cut in the traditional monastic style and use habits only in the monasteries, changing to clerical or plain clothes when travelling.

He said that numerous young Catholics interested in the Order have come to visit the Stella Maris monastery from all over the world. The Order hopes to put these study visits on a more regular basis.

Father Finian said the Order's Superior of its small "province" in the Lebanon had come here via Cyprus, despite the risk, and hoped to return. "His presence is needed there and he is prepared to make every sacrifice to be with his brethren in this difficult moment." Communications between the Lebanese "province" and the Vatican broke down some weeks ago, Father Finian said, but they knew that the monastery there had been bombed.

E-W Vul.
North
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Q 10 953
Q 87
West
K 10
162
K 5
A 9 663

East
A 7
Q A Q 10 953
K 42
South (D)
Q 8 765
K 34
Q 77
K 15

The bidding:
South West North East
Pass 10 Pass 2 NT
Pass 3 Pass 4 NT
Pass 5 Pass 5 NT
Pass 6 Pass 7
Pass 7 NT

In the recent World Championship this deal was played six times. At four of the six tables a grand slam was bid. Three times the declarer elected to try the club finesse — a 50% chance — and, of course, it failed. Chagas of Brazil, playing against the United States with the bidding as above, found a beautiful way to make the grand slam.

We can only conjecture what 'chagas' thinking might have been.

Bridge
George Levinrew
Grand slam
on a squeeze

If seven diamonds were played, followed by the spade ace and the ace and king of clubs, there would only be three cards remaining in each hand. A squeeze, perhaps? Suppose declarer's three cards are the heart ace and seven and the club two, and the dummy has the spade king and jack and the heart eight — what are the opponents likely to hold? If one opponent has the club queen he is likely to have with it two high hearts. If the other opponent has the spade queen doubleton, his third card could be a high heart. The play at this point of the spade king from dummy will force the opponent with the two hearting an discard one. The declarer will thus be able to win two heart tricks, making the grand slam.

This is what actually happened. After six diamonds and the spade ace were played, the position was:

North
Q 10 9
Q 8 7
West
K 10
162
K 5
A 9 663

South
Q 8 765
K 34
Q 77
K 15

On the last diamond South parted with a club, as bid dummy, and North shuffled a heart. Now came the king and ace of clubs. South had to blank the heart king. And then the play of the spade king forced North to upguard the heart queen. Thus declarer made two heart tricks, fulfilling his contract.

With such magnificent play, is it any wonder that Brazil in the round robin of the World Bridge Olympiad was the overall winner against 45 contestants?

Music/Benjamin Bar-Am
Unimposing, aloof flautist

Recital by Peter-Lukas Graf, flute, and Olivia Benedict-Nicolau, piano (Rehevet, Wix Auditorium, Weizmann Institute, June 1). Mozart: Sonata in G Major K. 469 for Flute and piano; Bach: Sonata in A minor for Flute Solo; Hindemith: Sonata for Flute and Piano; Burkhardt: Suite for Flute Solo; Franck: Sonata in A Major.

FLAUTIST Peter-Lukas Graf does not produce any great interpretational diversity but he is, nevertheless, an artist well worth listening to. He, so to speak, puts the music first, never trying to impose himself upon it. His artistic personality reflects itself in the objectivity of his approach. Naturally such an approach has limitations and does not equip Graf equally well for all styles and every composer.

Technically his performance is flawless to the point of pedantry. His tone, however, is limited, both in

volume and modulatory capacity, and this results in a certain monotony of colour which further limits the artist's possibilities. The very early Mozart was delightful. Bach was soundly phrased, though one could have expected a slightly richer Sarabande. But of all the pieces, it was Hindemith's inventive Sonata which best suited Mr. Graf's objectivity and emotional aloofness, and made this the most impressive piece of the evening. Burkhardt's deeply reflective and absorbing Suite also received the right treatment. But what enhanced Hindemith and Burkhardt virtually eliminated Franck. Mr. Graf's performance failed to reveal the romantic quality of the music, its expressive melody, its lush harmony. The piano part, in particular, emerged annoyingly insignificant.

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Professor Yeheskel Dror, The Hebrew University and Israel's Ministry of Defense
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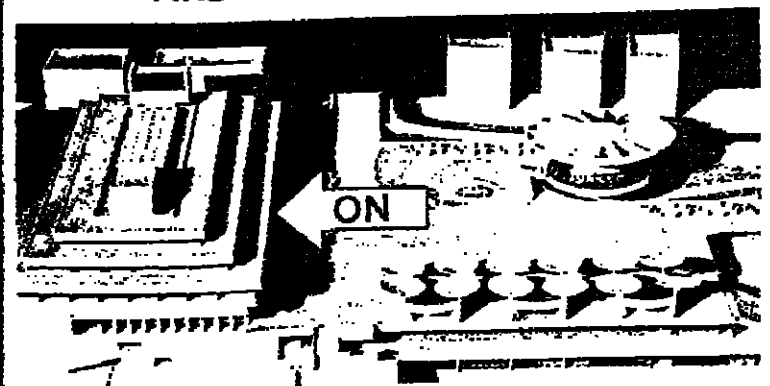
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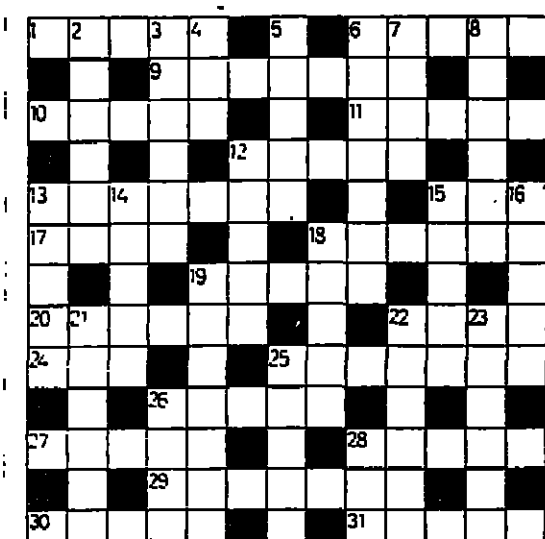
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9 Recover from L. L. McKee? (7)
10 No lady? (5)
11 Mostly officers, these people (5)
12 They cover their pounds in marks, the fools! (5)
13 Deceptively make Email and (5)
15 Keep an appointment at the opera (5)
17 A chest pain? (4)
18 Equip a girl to be fleet (5)
19 I'm shy about being the unpleasant type (5)
20 Go out to eat by agreement (5)
22 A creditable start to the day's ploughing (5)
23 Dail's crazy to help (5)
24 Stranded, suffering, in bed (5)
25 BR change the air in a smelter (5)
26 Estimated order (5)
27 Money bringing pleasure to some kids (5)
28 They try and rebuild streets (7)
29 Wrong share for Jane (5)
31 Long time to the Fols (5)
- DOWN**
4 He gets a bit nearer this bird (3)
5 In circulation, naturally (5)
6 Winning ship (7)
7 The name may be the same (5)
8 Released by United? (6)
9 A 100-year-old man for an eccentric lady (5)



EASY PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
1 Characteristic (5)
6 Pickle (5)
9 Thug (7)
10 Protective garment (5)
11 Indian dish (5)
12 Motor accessories (5)
13 Cautious (7)
15 By way of (5)
17 Looked at (4)
18 Pleasure-trip (5)
19 Nobleman (5)
20 Dowry (5)
22 Chocce (3)
23 Rumour (7)
24 Portly (5)
25 Trench (5)
26 Fiddle (5)
28 Haul (7)
31 Fined (5)
- DOWN**
2 A record tested (5)
3 Priest (5)
4 Large cask (5)
5 Waste matter (5)
6 Old wind instrument (5)
7 Responsibility (5)
8 Fennel (5)
9 Stringed instrument (5)
10 Germ (5)
11 Intense pain (5)
12 Attack (5)
13 Midway (5)
14 Resin (5)
15 Skin discoloration (5)
16 Rabbit-box (5)
17 Eastern garment (5)
18 Young animal (5)

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Restating a plain truth

THE DRAFT memorandum of the Arab Local Council heads to Prime Minister Rabin which seeks to define Israel as a state with two nations — instead of as a Jewish state — cannot be dismissed as a semantic exercise. The specific use of the term — *dwale thnusiya kawamiya*, bi-national state — in the original draft, reported since to have been toned down, is an indication of the way the winds are blowing among the reputedly middle-of-the-road Arab leadership which the organization represents.

In response to grievances harboured by the Arab community the government has opted for a policy which would encourage far-going Arab integration into Israel and close the gaps between the two communities. This is an enlightened minorities policy, which it is hoped the government and the communities concerned will succeed in implementing.

The alternative implied in the Arab mayors' memorandum is predicated on demands for national rights for the Arab minority. As imprecise and emotion-laden as the term is, it nevertheless conjures up images of demands for Arab regional autonomy, leading eventually to demands for Arab political separatism. A responsible Arab leadership must realize that this is a course of events that the State of Israel will never countenance.

Israel has been responsible for much of the dramatic progress made by its Arab citizens during its 28 years. It is equally true that much remains to be done to bridge the gaps that persist between the two communities and to provide additional opportunities for Arabs to prosper in the Jewish State. The obstacles to attaining these objectives often derive from deep-seated Jewish distrust of Arab intentions and of their ultimate loyalty to the State, especially during the trying period in which Israel will continue to be the target of animosity from the surrounding Arab world.

Israeli Arabs are often at a loss as to what they must do to prove their loyalty. What should be obvious is that loose talk of a bi-national state, or Nazareth Mayor Zayyad's May Day declaration concerning "Arab Galilee," can only provide highly volatile fuel to stoke Jewish suspicions. Once such suspicions are fanned it becomes all the more difficult to make a case for legitimate Arab grievances. The only result is that the cause of Arab integration receives a serious setback.

Israel was established in accordance with the 1947 UN partition decision as a Jewish State: as the only state which the Jewish people, scattered throughout the world, could view as its own; and as the only Jewish state in an area dominated by 20 Arab states, which have never been ashamed to identify themselves in their constitutions as Arab and Moslem states.

It may therefore be essential to reiterate to Israel's Arab citizens that while they have the inalienable right to fight for greater equality and more opportunities — a fight in which many Jews will enlist on their side — Israel is, and will remain, irrevocably Jewish.

As a millennia-old minority par excellence, experience taught the Jewish people a major lesson: that a minority must develop a finely tuned sensitivity to the majority's sensibilities, and must be eternally alive to the invisible boundaries that dare not be crossed in the area of majority-minority relations. These truths hold all the more in the tension-laden atmosphere which accompanies the continuing threat to Israel's existence from its Arab neighbours.

The Organization of Arab Local Council Heads, as a middle-of-the-road leadership group which may well hold the fate of the Israel Arab community in its hands, would do well to ponder these lessons as it organizes to fight for a better deal for Israel's Arab minority.

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Soviet muscle-flexing

DAVAR (Histadrut), comments on the UN Security Council's "astounding silence" on the Lebanese situation. "This is an eye-opening illustration of the function now performed by the supreme body appointed to safeguard world peace, when it is not some Israeli 'crime' or other that is involved. The Council's silence notwithstanding, there is international interest in events in Lebanon. Reinforcement of the Soviet Mediterranean Fleet is one of the obvious testimonies for such interest. Despite the fact that the Soviets deemed it advisable to despatch their Chief of Staff in person to the arena, both his visit and the strengthening of the Soviet Force in the Mediterranean should be viewed principally as of political significance. Seemingly, this is a flexing of muscles designed primarily to prove that Moscow will not permit a weakening or undermining of its position in the Mediterranean's eastern basin. Although not heralding an inter-power confrontation, this naval activity testifies that the Lebanese maze is a most concrete subject for concern in Moscow — and no doubt in other capitals as well."

AL HAMISHMAR (Mapam), referring to the Soviet confirmation that Hussein is due to pay a visit to the Soviet Union in the second half of June, comments: "For the Soviets, this visit is verily a 'gift from heaven.' It is likely to improve the Soviet position in the region... To this should be added the Soviet fleet's entry into the eastern Mediterranean basin, with the Soviet C-o-S in person aboard one of the ships. Thus, a demonstration of force. But the question is: Is Hussein's visit no more than a demonstration?... Hussein's moves still appear to be only a manoeuvre. But in the multi-vagued reality in the Arab world, the possibility should not be excluded that — in the wake of Egypt and Syria — Jordan, too, will attempt to derive benefit from the Moscow connection. The Americans warn Hussein of Israel's reaction."

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Mapam has not yet decided finally to leave the Alignment nor will it do so at its convention, which opens tonight. They want to know where Labour stands, and they will wait until after Labour's convention to find out. Health Minister Victor Shemtov spoke to David Landau and Joshua Brilliant.

Mapam on the fence

NEXT WEEK, after Mapam's national convention closes, dozens of Hashomer Hatzair kibbutzniks will be fanning out through the country, moving (temporarily) from their kibbutzim to Mapam offices in the towns, to begin organizing the party's election campaign.

It will be like awakening after 12 years of sleep in the warm bosom of the Alignment. The voters' card-indexes will be dusted off and reopened, and the laborious process of updating them will start. Party leaders and keymen will hold meetings at factory gates — Mapam's traditional hunting ground for urban votes. Rank-and-file faithful on works committees and on the shop floors will be mobilized for action: debating, wooing, cajoling, this time preaching again the pure, unadulterated Gospel. According to Mapam.

This, says Health Minister Victor Shemtov, is the severely practical and prosaic meaning of his party's decision "to prepare" to run alone. The decision at the moment is still only a recommendation by the party's political committee, but Shemtov has little doubt that it will be adopted by the convention.

The Hebrew word used is the notoriously vague (and often quite meaningless) *li'he'arech* ("to prepare") and in view of Mapam's own notorious penchant for sitting on the fence, many observers have taken it as a delicate exercise in political pressure and procrastination. The final decision, after all, will not be taken until after the Labour Party's own convention at the end of the year.

But Shemtov insists there is no procrastinating this time. "The decision is unequivocal... We are saying to Labour: we cannot go on like this, with the Alignment effectively paralyzed, with its peace policy nebulous and undetermined. So we have decided to go alone."

"But at the same time we don't rejoice at the dissolution of the Alignment — so we have postponed the final, irrevocable break until after Labour's convention. If that convention formulates peace policies and social policies that we can live with, then we will advocate our decision, already taken and partially implemented — to run alone."

Obviously, there will be awkward and even sceptical questions at those factory gate meetings. What to Shemtov seems unequivocal may to the politically less sophisticated voter still seem puzzling. But Shemtov has his answers lined up. "We shall say that we in Mapam have a clear and consistent policy on peace — and now it's up to Labour to decide what its policy is."

"We're not presuming to ask Labour to adopt our policy; we're saying to them: define your policy. Identify yourself. Are you Mordechai Ben-Forat and Shoshana Arbeli-Almoino — or Haim Zadok and Abba Eban? We believe the Zadoks and the Ebans are the majority — and we want the Alignment's policy to reflect that. If we're wrong, and the Dayan line holds sway in Labour — we want to know that too, so as to make our decisions accordingly. We can't go along with them on a 'Dayan platform'."

Mapam's aim is not to force a split in Labour, Shemtov stresses. "We are quite happy to have Dayan and Ben-Forat and the others to stay in — and accept the dovish line of the majority."

Similarly, there is no intention of trying to influence the struggle for the premiership inside Labour. While Mapam looks favourably upon the dovishness of Eban and Zadok, it does not propose, Shemtov insists, to actively back either of them, or indeed any other dovish aspirant, in the Labour leadership stakes. "We



don't pick their leader. They consult us; we offer our opinion — and then we accept whomever they pick. If they had picked Peres we would have accepted him."

Pressed on this point, Shemtov adds another observation. Probably more significant than his remarks on inter-party proprieties: "Mapam is probably Rabin's strongest supporter among the various coalition forces... I have no doubt that he can lead in the direction that we want to take. To do that, though, he needs the solid support of his own party..."

Mapam's planting one foot across the fence, and threatening to follow with the other, will, it hopes, galvanize the dovish majority in Labour behind the (essentially dovish?) Rabin.

WHY IS MAPAM forcing the issue after a decade of contented equivocating? "It's not us," says Shemtov. "The issues are forcing themselves. There is no more time to gain time. The coming year, inevitably, inexorably, will be a year of crucial decisions, and the Government must prepare the people for them."

"In the old days of charismatic leaders, perhaps we could do without such preparation. Ben-Gurion could announce the Third Jewish Commonwealth one day — and the evacuation of Sinai the next."

"But now if the leadership neglects to prepare the people, it will be playing into the hands of the maximalist opposition when the time comes for the painful decisions."

Shemtov is reluctant to descend from these historic considerations of Israel's destiny to the bread-and-butter questions of votes and seats. "We are the most ideological party left in Israel," he says proudly, almost contemptuously. "We are not guided by the electoral consideration alone in our relations with Labour."

But he makes the calculation anyway, asserting confidently that Mapam will not do worse, and may well do better, than its present allocation of six seats in the 50-seat Alignment. "We have our solid base: the (Hashomer Hatzair) kibbutzim. There has been no significant erosion there. We have our newspaper, 'Al Hamishmar,' and our party branches in the towns. True, their independent identity has lain dormant but it has by no means withered away." There is, moreover, the potential of unaffiliated left-liberal voters, to whom the newly bold and independent Mapam hopes to appeal.

"And I, at least, would certainly propose looking beyond our traditional ranks for additional personalities to join our Knesset list in realistic positions," Matti Peled? "I wouldn't necessarily think of personalities to the left of Mapam."

Most importantly, a go-it-alone Mapam would hope to pick up disenchanted Labour voters, Shemtov points out. These would be voters who are attracted by such Labour leaders as Aharon Yariv, Abba Eban or Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, but are disappointed that the men they support carry so little weight in Labour's policy-making forums.

This, of course, is the nub of Mapam's threat to Labour (though Shemtov himself refuses to use the word "threat"). Labour's reaction will to a large extent be determined by how credible the Labour Party managers feel the threat to be.

Paradoxically, though, Mapam itself does not want the threat to be too credible. After all, Alignment or no Alignment, Labour is the ally — not the enemy, Shemtov explains, with a measure of perhaps deliberate vagueness, that if in the months ahead "the forces of the Right" seem poised to overthrow the hegemony of the labour movement — Mapam would then withdraw its threat and return to the Alignment fold.

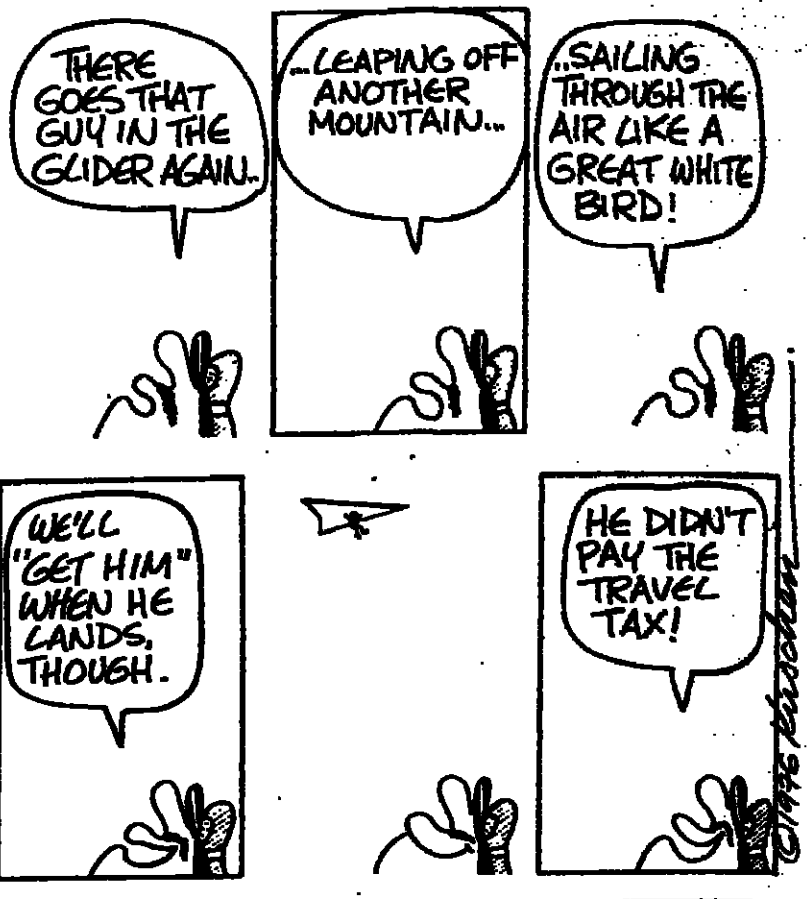
Cynics would see this as the careful construction of a built-in escape hatch, giving Mapam the option of procrastinating to the very last minute. Shemtov lists two other scenarios which, he says, would affect Mapam's final decision in the same manner — and which the cynic would also regard as escape hatches:

• If the outbreak of a new war becomes a real or imminent prospect, or

• If "political developments" in the country significantly change the party balance: in other words, if Yigael Yadin sets up an attractive-looking list that threatens to make serious inroads in the support for all the centre and left-of-centre parties.

In either event, Shemtov indicates, Mapam would think long and hard before abandoning its Alignment with Labour.

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READERS' LETTERS

REPORTING EVENTS ON THE WEST BANK

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
 Sir: — The letter of Mr. Naftali Lavie, the Defence Ministry Spokesman, which appeared on June 6, exhumes an issue which should have been laid to rest. That is the integrity of the foreign press corps in covering the West Bank.

By re-cycling ill-founded speculations on media misconduct, especially by offering as supportive evidence the misinformed statement of a West German television commentator who was not even here at the time, Mr. Lavie is in effect trying to divert public attention from the events in the West Bank to the coverage of those events.

Mr. Lavie has chosen his targets carefully. In assailing the American media's strongest representatives in Israel, the television networks and the "New York Times," he is following the grand tradition of the head of the Jewish Agency, Mr. Ben-Zion, who once again the messenger is being blamed for the message.

As a former newspaperman, Mr. Lavie should be able to make the distinction between fair reporting and favourable reporting. The first is professionalism. The second is merely press agency.

Terry Smith of the "New York Times" is a professional. Many of his colleagues are upset by efforts to impugn his work, especially when those efforts are based on the same non-specific hints of inaccuracy and slanted reportage which have been levelled against the television companies.

Mr. Lavie is aware that the Foreign Press Association has issued a public challenge to anyone knowing of foreign press misconduct in coverage of West Bank to come forward with the proof, or stop circulating such allegations.

So far, he has done neither.

STEVE DELANEY, Chairman,
 Foreign Press Association
 MICHAEL ELKINS, Vice
 Chairman, Foreign Press Association,
 Tel Aviv.

ARAB RIOTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
 Sir: — I was very much upset by the letter from Terence Smith of "The New York Times" (May 28). I have lived in Israel 13 years, but I was in the U.S. at the time of the riots referred to and read the stories in "The New York Times," as well as other important newspapers and would like to give two stories that illustrate the truth of Wolf Blitzer's charges that the American media "overplayed" and distorted these events.

It should be remembered that virtually all of the rioters in Jerusalem and the West Bank were elementary or secondary school children. If the peace is to be maintained when riots are going on, the authorities have to deal with the rioters themselves — in this case, children. Who else could the peace-keeping force deal with, then, than children? The parents kept out of sight. If that story had been told in "The New York Times" it would have created a very different impression than the widely circulated front-page pictures without adequate comment, of the arrest of a youngster by his father.

Again, in reporting the March 30 Israel Arab citizens' riot, no mention was made in "The New York Times" of the 24 Arab villages which remained loyal and refused to go along with the communist-inspired group of 11.

The items reported in "The New York Times" and elsewhere are factual, but the failure to tell the whole story creates an exceedingly distorted and prejudiced picture.

The Rev. Dr. G. Douglas Young,
 President
 American Institute of Holy Land Studies
 Jerusalem.

EXTRADITION REQUESTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
 Sir: — In reply to the American request for the extradition of Tuvia Schwartzberg, Israel should demand the immediate extradition of Ar-

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